16 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM   : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT   : Preparations for Future Briefings [   ]   25X1

In case you have time here are three packages.

A. Southern Africa. Here is some backup material
you may want to review.

B. Nonaligned Movement. A new briefing outline is
here, but I think it still needs work so I don't
recommend you spend time on it unless you really
want to.

25X1A

C. [   ] This is a copy
of the basic material sent to the DCI for his
review. [   ]

25X1A

Attachments

25X1

S E C R E T

16 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM   : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT   : Preparations for the 21 March Presidential
                 Briefing [   ]   25X1

1. The basic briefings for three topics have been put in the
attached notebook to help you get the sense of how they would flow.
The backup material for each topic is in a separate folder. These
topics are:

Attached

[   ]

-Sary Shagan (I see this as a lead-in to the

[   ]

2. Also included are packages on the following topics.

[   ] This includes the briefing paper and graphics
under preparation for Mr. Bowie. Note it's designed to
ask the President what he wants and then give one or the
other briefing, but not both. However, in either case
it still needs drastic pruning.

-The West Bank. The package containing some basic material
from [   ] which could produce a timely and interesting
briefing was inadvertently forwarded to you separately via
[   ]

-International Oil. This is discussed below. [   ]   25X1

3. Finally the package on Soviet Command and Control and the
memorandum on Soviet Forgeries which you may want to give to Dr.
Brzezinski are included for your review.

4. The main question is, "Which of these to use?" Two of them
deserve a specific layout of pros and cons.

A. [   ] Mr. Bowie will give a fine briefing. However,
against this must be weighed these factors.

-He will have just returned and will have to spend
most of Tuesday preparing himself to his high standards. 25X1
-The topic is not urgent, e.g. 4 April (just before
Foreign Minister Sonoda arrives) would be just as
good.

S E C R E T

B. International Oil

-Maurice Ernst, as his cover memorandum details,
feels that oil will be very much at the front
of the President's mind and that nowhere else will
he get the kind of picture of the mid-term that
is in this briefing and that he needs.

-You and the DDCI think that the President does
understand the problem in which case you will
either find yourself telling him what he already
knows or, worse, discussing things he knows
better than you do.

Attached

-I recommend, if you can afford the preparation
time, that you take the approach described in
my sketch of telling the President our conclusions
in three sentences and then tell him if those
conclusions aren't news to him you won't waste
his time, if they are news you'll go through
the briefing. [   ]   25X1

5.   A final unrelated question arises from the Vice President's
plan to visit Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the
Netherlands 13-22 April. Do you want to try to brief him yourself
before he leaves? I know of nothing urgent for you to present. However,
you could be helpful.[   ]

25X1A

Attachments

cc: DDCI
    DD/NFA

SECRET

25X1

6 Mar 79

INTERNATIONAL OIL

I. I have been reviewing my analysts work on this.

II. Their basic conclusions are

    A. In essence we've lost the global oil supply cushion that we thought would give us some years to work out our energy problems.

    B. This is not only a problem for the next few months; it will persist.

        -We will remain vulnerable to interruptions of oil supplies from any source.

        -Inflationary and recessionary risks will persist for years rather than just months.

III. If these conclusions seem self-evident, I'll not waste your time on this. But if they aren't, I'm prepared to discuss the foundations of these conclusions.